

We Create Community



New Playground at Jenni Rivera Park



Cutting the ribbon to officially open Jenni Rivera Park Playground are L-R: Parks & Recreation Commissioner Stella Ursua, Parks & Recreation Commission Vice President David Zanatta, Vice Mayor Dee Andrews, Mayor Robert Garcia, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mariela Salgado, Jenni Rivera's sister Rosie Rivera, and members of the Rivera family and local community.

Mayor Robert Garcia, Vice Mayor Dee Andrews, the Departments of Parks, Recreation & Marine and Public Works joined community members and the Rivera family in a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new playground at Jenni Rivera Park on December 18.

The new playground features pour in place rubberized surfacing with swings and climbing elements for ages 5-12. It is adjacent to the bike and pedestrian path in the park that is used by neighborhood families taking their children to and from school. The playground is located across from a mural of Jenni Rivera and is another way to pay tribute to the late singer.

The playground cost approximately \$260,000 with \$250,000 of the funding allocated from Measure A, and a \$10,000 contribution by Vice Mayor Dee Andrews and the Sixth District Council Office utilizing one-time infrastructure funds. It is the latest Measure A funded playground project following projects at Jackson, Los Cerritos, Veterans, Drake, Whaley and M.L. King Jr. Parks.

Parks & Recreation Director to Retire



In December, the City of Long Beach announced the retirement of Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) Director Gerardo Mouet. He joined the City on June 18, 2018, after serving for 14 years as executive director for the City of Santa Ana's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Agency.

"Mr. Mouet has shown great leadership," said Acting City Manager Tom Modica. "We are thankful for his service to Long Beach over this past year and a half."

During his time in Long Beach, he oversaw the launch of PRM's new Strategic Plan and the development of the Animal Care Service's landmark Compassion Saves plan.

Mr. Mouet's last day with the City will be January 31, 2020. The City Manager will announce an interim PRM Director prior to his departure.

Parks and Open Space Projects Receive \$2.97 Million in Port of Long Beach Grants

In November, the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners awarded more than \$2.97 million in Port of Long Beach Community Grants Program funding for projects including three to add local greenspace and enhance parks.

The Port Community Grants Program was created to distribute funding to organizations that serve populations most sensitive to Port-related impacts, maximizing the impact on children, senior citizens, the chronically ill, and those with asthma. It identifies three focus areas: Community Health, Facility Improvements and Community Infrastructure. This round of awards arises from a Community Infrastructure solicitation earlier this year.



\$999,115 went to create the 51st Street Greenbelt from the Port Community Grants Program.



\$981,280 in funding to design and install landscaping at the new Lincoln Park in downtown.



\$999,100 to support the Drake-Chavez Parks Connection Project.

Free Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues

SEASON BEGINS April 18, 2020

Online Registration February 3-March 9, 2020 · Uniform Fee: \$10 (scholarships available)

INDOOR SOCCER SEASON DATES: SATURDAYS, APRIL 18-MAY 30, 2020

Practices begin the week of March 30 · Practices held outdoors, games held indoors.

May 23 may be taken off in observance of Memorial Day weekend.

Coed Soccer

Ages 5-8 (Born 2012-2015)



Boys Soccer

Ages 9-14 (Born 2006-2011)



Girls Soccer

Ages 9-14 (Born 2006-2011)

Please call your local park to sign up

Admiral Kidd	570-1600	Houghton	570-1640	Scherer	570-1674
Bixby	570-1601	King	570-4405	Seaside	570-1625
Chavez	570-8890	Mac Arthur	570-1655	Silverado	570-1675
Cherry	570-1615	Mc Bride	570-1605	Somerset	570-8915
College Estates	570-1710	Orizaba	570-1427	Stearns Champions	570-1685
Coolidge	570-1618	Pan American	570-1660	Veterans	570-1695
Drake	570-1625	Ramona	570-1665	Wardlow	570-1705
El Dorado West	570-3325			Whaley	570-1710

Visit www.teamsideline.com/longbeach for registration information and links to your park site.

WRAP SITES: 570-3530
Burbank Elementary
Edison Elementary

Garfield Elementary
Grant Elementary
Herrera Elementary

Hudson (Kinder-8th grade)
King Elementary
Lafayette Elementary



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Home for the Pawlidays First Annual Long Beach Pet Fair

The first annual "Home for the Pawlidays," Long Beach Pet Fair was held on December 14 at the Long Beach Civic Center complex.



from Councilmember Jean-nine Pearce and was held in collaboration with the Little Lion Foundation, Helen Sanders CatPAWS, and Long Beach Animal Care Services along with Stray Cat Alliance, The Cat Cove, Live Love Animal Rescue, and others.



Attendees met more than 100 animals that were available for adoption, took advantage of free microchipping services, bought pet products, and saw demonstrations on bottle feeding kittens, cat trapping, and other ani-

mal care procedures. Opportunity drawings with the proceeds benefiting Long Beach Animal Care Services, and face painting added to the fun.



The event was sponsored by Mayor Robert Garcia with support

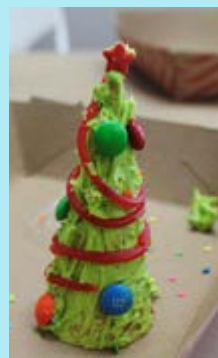


"At Home for the Pawlidays, residents made the season bright by giving 40 animals their forever home," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "We also promoted responsible pet ownership including the need to spay or neuter pets to help reduce animal overpopulation."

Free Recreation Programs Engage Kids Over Winter School Break



During the winter school break from December 23 to January 3, Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine offered youth "Fun Days" and teen recreation programs. Free games, crafts, sports tournaments, field trips, and holiday celebrations were enjoyed at 20 park locations.



2019 - A Year of Accomplishments

In 2019 Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) worked to support the equitable provision of programs, services, facilities, parks and beaches.

Awards, Recognitions and Milestones



PRM received a \$300,000 Facility Planning Grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) to design improvements for Davies Launch Ramp.

The Skylinks Golf Course was named "Course of the Year" by the California Golf Course Owner's Association (CGCOA) for their sustainable practices and community partnerships to support local amateur and professional golf.



The Long Beach Post's 2019 "Best of Long Beach" poll, named several PRM facilities "Best" including El Dorado Regional Park, El Dorado Park Golf Course, Bixby Skate Park and Rosie's Dog Beach. Rancho Los Cerritos was a three-time honoree, being recognized for their summer camps historic gardens and architecture.



PRM rose to number 18 among the 100 largest U.S. cities in the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) 2019 Parkscore® Index survey. Last year, the City was ranked 21st. The TPL ranking was based on four characteristics of an effective park system: access, investment, acreage, and amenities.



El Dorado Nature Center turned 50 this year and celebrating with "50 ways to find your center" including free concerts, nightlife walks, astronomy and movie

events and a Summer Solstice Celebration with volunteer recognitions, storytelling and music and dance performances.



Gumbiner Park was recognized for "innovative urban design" in *Fast Company's* 2019 Innovation by Design Awards. Gumbiner Park is featured in their October print issue in the Spaces, Place, and Cities category.



On October 12, the Long Beach Veterans Commission and Partners of Parks hosted the Lone Sailor Recognition Ceremony commemorating the 15th anniversary of the dedication of the Lone Sailor Memorial in Long Beach and the 244th anniversary of the United States Navy.

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Recreation Equity

PRM launched a effort to update the Department's Strategic Plan, that will cover a 10-year period, from 2020-2030, and will guide operational, staffing and budgeting decisions for LBPRM.

To maximize resources and provide an array of programming to the northwest area of Long Beach, PRM services were centralized at Houghton Park, making DeForest Park available for the Long Beach branch of the Camp Fire Los Angeles Council to provide free afterschool programs.



On August 9, PRM staff gathered thousands of kids from 39 locations including park and aquatic programs and school WRAP

sites and brought them to Claremont Beach for a day of playing in the water and on the beach. The event was supported by the LA Kings.

Animal Care Services



Long Beach Animal Care Services (ACS) announced new personnel and new initiatives to continue to improve positive outcomes for shelter guests and to strengthen the animal human bond.

Staycee R. Dains was named the new ACS Shelter manager. She is responsible for all operational aspects of the ACS as well as working with the Mayor's Animal Care Visioning Task Force and the new Long Beach Animal Care Services Strategic Plan to move the Bureau forward in implementing the recommendations of a recent City Auditor Services Review.

ACS also added a new full time Veterinarian and a full-time Adoption/Volunteer Coordinator.

An ACS Strategic Plan is in development to provide a road map for the organization and to create procedures to guide the shelter operations and management in consultation with the Mayor's Animal Care Visioning Task Force

ACS adopted the Compassion Saves Lives Policy, operational direction that will support the goal to reduce euthanasia and increase pet adoption rates.



PRM celebrated the 10th year of "100 Days of Summer," a partnership with the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau, to promote free or low-cost cultural programs, sports activities and special events throughout the city from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



2019 - A Year of Accomplishments

Parks and Beaches Development



The Stearns Champions Park Community Center reopened on July 20 after a new roof support system with a waterproof membrane and insulation were installed, and asbestos abatement and measures to enhance ADA compliance and energy efficiency work was completed in the 43-year-old building.



For the 13th year in a row Signal Hill Petroleum has sponsored the popular Movie in the Park program in Long Beach parks in cooperation with Partners of Parks. This year's 10-week season featured the most popular movies screened over the last 10 years at 30 parks throughout the City.



More new playgrounds were added in 2019 including at Drake Park on January 12, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on August 7 and at Jenni Rivera Park on December 18.



For the third year, PRM has participated in the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation's (LADF) RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) program to increase participation in baseball in underserved communities. LADF awarded \$6,076 with in-kind contributions to support 43 teams in the T-Ball/Coach Pitch Division with 516 kids, nine baseball teams with 110 kids and four softball teams with 50 players.



Partnerships



The Park Planning and Partnerships Bureau was developed to create a stronger focus on community engagement and partnerships that supplement and support park planning, park projects, park programming and grants.

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations December 2019

Community Services Enrollees	61
Community Services Total Hours.....	3,378
Community Services Beach Maintenance Hours	209
Community Services Marine Maintenance Hours	652
Community Services El Dorado Park Hours.....	253
Community Services Tree Farm Hours.....	87
Community Services Los Cerritos Wetlands Hours.....	523
Community Services Special Cleanup Hours.....	1,645
Work Orders Completed	385
Restrooms Cleaned Daily	172
Facilities & Gyms Cleaned & Stocked Daily	28
Park Turf Acres Maintained	814
Park Landscape Acres Maintained	2,310



Congratulations to Clerical Aide Sarah Dickerson on being named Employee of the Month for November. Sarah has worked in the PRM Registration Reservation Office for 11 years.

Get to know Sarah:

What do you like to eat in Long Beach?

I like to eat anything and everything except for chicken.

What's your biggest work achievement so far?

ACTIVENET! It was not a fun nor easy transition but I got it down, and even helped train at some park sites.

What's your own advice that you always follow?

Actions speak louder than words.

Where is the most interesting place you've been?

New Orleans, so many different walks of life there.

Who inspires you?

My mother, she is the strongest person I know and I aspire to be half the woman she is one day.

What song is always in your head when you're working?

That's tough, I love listening to music at work ... I would have to go with something J.Cole.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be?

Teleportation, traveling would be SO much cheaper, easier and a lot more fun.

Who would play you in a movie of your life?

Penelope Cruz

Would you rather not be able to stop dancing or not be able to stop singing?

Not being able to stop dancing. I wouldn't want to punish the world with my beautiful singing voice.

Among your coworkers, what are you famous for?

Always eating and my quick comebacks :)

Grounds Maintenance staff recently renovated the turf at MacArthur Park.

Grounds Supervisor Emanuel Zaragoza, Gardener Juan Rodriquez, and Irrigator Jaime Sanchez, repaired the irrigation system, fenced the park, and then stolonized (spreading grass reproductive structure over the area) and seeded the entire area.

The results speak for themselves! This was just one of over 26 irrigation and planting projects staff completed recently to enhance park environments for patrons to enjoy clean, green, safe places.



Before



After

**By The Numbers
Community Recreation Services
December 2019**

Permits to Gather	102
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	9
Facility Use Permits.....	67
Field Use Permits	32
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries.....	5,261
El Dorado Regional Park Passes	629
Visits to City/City Operated LBUSD Pools.....	10,373
Youth and Teen Participants.....	7,560
Senior Citizens Participants.....	13,280
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center	19,525

January - February 2020 Calendar

January

Th. 16	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 18	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Reserve
Tue. 21	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 22	10 a.m.	Tails and Trails (18 mos.-5 Yrs. w/parents) Go Wild for Ducks*	El Dorado Nature Center
Fri. 24	10 a.m.	Volunteer Open House	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat 25	9 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park
Tue. 28	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Fri. 31	9 a.m.	Garden Docent Training	Rancho Los Cerritos

February

Sat. 1	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewarts Trail Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	1 p.m.	Creation Station Youth Art Program – Free	Rancho Los Cerritos
Mon. 3	Cont.	Spring Class Registration Begins	www.LBParks.org
	Cont.	Registration Begins for Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues	www.teamsideline.com
	Cont.	Registration Begins for Spring Break Aquatic Camps	www.LBParks.org
	Varies	New 4-wk. Mon./Wed. (2/3- 2/26) Swim Lessons Begin*	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 4	Varies	New 4-wk. Tue./Th. (2/4- 2/27) Swim Lessons Begin*	King Park Pool
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 5	1 p.m.	Lecture: Native Plant Garden Maintenance	Rancho Los Cerritos
Th. 6	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sun. 9	8 a.m.	El Dorado Audubon Second Saturday Sunday Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 11	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 12	10 a.m.	Parent & Me Workshop: We Love Bugs (18 mos.-5 yrs.)*	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 13	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sat. 15	9 a.m.	Great Backyard Bird Count	El Dorado Nature Center
	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Reserve
Tue. 18	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 19	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 20	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchip Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 22	9 a.m.	El Dorado Regional Park Cleanup	El Dorado Regional Park
	9:30 a.m.	House Docent Training	Rancho Los Cerritos
Tue. 25	9:30 a.m.	Children's Story Time	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 26	10 a.m.	Tails and Trails (18 mos.-5 Yrs. with parents) Skunk-o-Rama*	El Dorado Nature Center

*Call 562.570.3100 or visit www.LBParks.org for fee and registration information



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